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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED! ALL THAT REMAINS IS **BATTLEWORLD**!

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KNOWHERE IS THE SATELLITE MOON OF DOOM'S BATTLEWORLD. MANY YEARS AGO, DOOM DEFEATED A GIANT CELESTIAL GUARDIAN AND SAVED THE WORLD FROM TOTAL DESTRUCTION. ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE FLOATING HEAD.

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AFTER DEFEATING THE CRIMINAL YOTAT AND HANDING HIM OVER TO THE NOVA CORPS, THE BRIEF ALLIANCE BETWEEN THORSGUARD ANGELA AND THE RENEGADE GUARDIANS OF KNOWHERE DISSOLVED. GAMORA HAD LEFT KNOWHERE WITHOUT PERMISSION, AND HER ONLY DEFENSE WAS BLASPHEMY: SHE THINKS THERE ARE PIECES MISSING FROM DOOM'S CREATION. AS GAMORA RESISTED HER ARREST, HER SCUFFLE WITH ANGELA WAS INTERRUPTED BY A GIANT WARRIOR WOMAN WHO APPEARED OUT OF THIN AIR.

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WHO IS THIS CREATURE, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SHE'S NOT ONE OF YOURS, ANGELA?
ONE OF MINE?
ONE OF YOUR LORD DOOM'S...
NO, LADY GAMORA, I HAVE NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE IN MY LIFE.
ACTUALLY, SHE IS UNLIKE ANYTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.
EVEN IN THIS MADNESS YOU CALL KNOWHERE.
ON THAT, I WOULD AGREE.
WELL THEN, AS YOU ARE A COURTESAN OF LORD DOOM'S DOMAIN OVER ALL THINGS, WHY DON'T YOU SAY HI?
I'M SURE THIS WILL END WELL.

HO!
I AM ANGELA DOOMSDAUGHTER OF HIS LORD DOOM'S HONOR GUARD.
WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
WHAT BE YOUR BIRTH NAME?

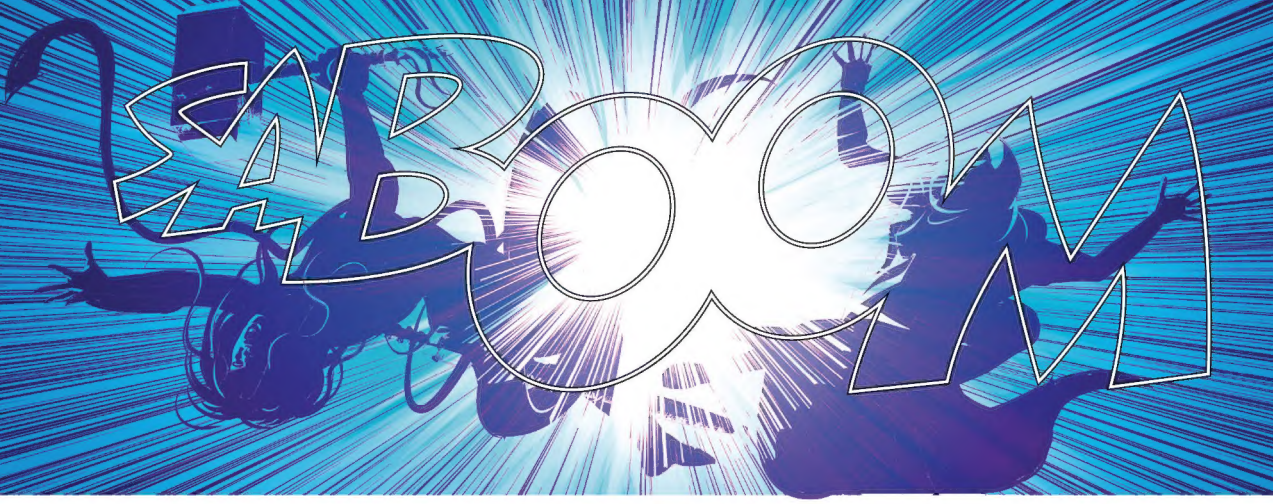
SHE DOES NOT SPEAK.
DROP YOUR WEAPONS.
I WAS TALKING TO YOU.
SHE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND YOU.
ABSOLUTELY NOT.

SHE IS THREATENED.
GOOD.
WE ARE TWO WARRIOR WOMEN ARMED TO THE TEETH.
YES.
SHE NEEDS TO KNOW WE ARE NOT BE FEARED.
THE TOWERING GODDESS OF DEATH STARING DOWN AT ME NEEDS MY REASSURANCE?

CACKLE!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT LANGUAGE?
NO.
WHAT IS SHE POINTING AT?

SHE SEEMS UPSET ABOUT YOUR MARKETPLACE.
I STILL SAY WE DISARM.
I WILL NOT.
BUT--
STRANGER!
(HERE WE GO...)
YOU WILL LAY YOUR WEAPONS DOWN AND HUMBLE YOURSELF IN THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICER OF DOOM'S COURT!
NO.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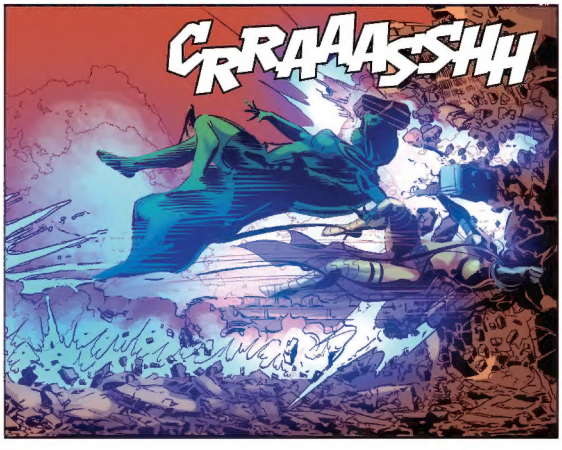
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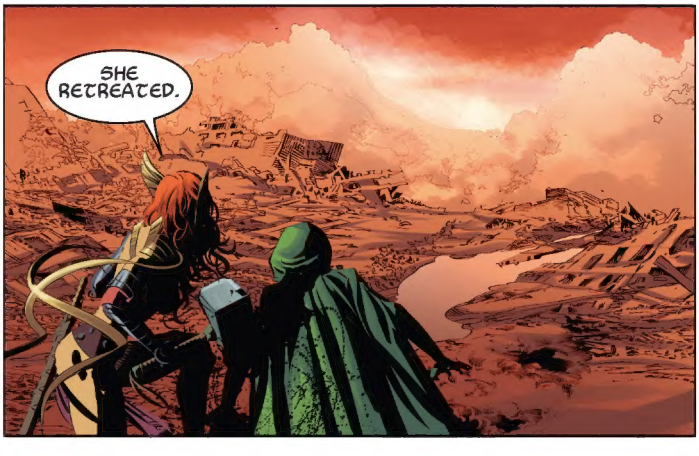
NEEEIIIGH OEG
HEKA KAIEN
KAXIXE!!!!

WAIT!
I TOLD YOU, SHE IS SCARED. YOU ATTACKED HER AND NOW SHE--


SHE RETREATED.

NO.

NO...

ZAK NAZZLEISH TE LAGOZZAZ?

THE GUARDIANS FIGHTING WITH THE THOR?
CRAZY.
WHAT IS THE BIG LADY?
DUNNO.
WHAT DOES SHE WANT?
HEY, I'M SEEING THE SAME THING YOU ARE.

O!!GAMAZA!!!!

TWO SECONDS!!

WE JUST LEFT THESE "GUARDIANS" TWO SECONDS AGO AND LOOK!
EXACTLY! WE TURN OUR HEADS AND THEY GET IN TROUBLE AGAIN?!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I NEVER HAD KIDS.
SURE, THAT'S WHY.
ON BEHALF OF THE NOVA CORPS, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST, FAIR MAIDEN.
FAIR MAIDEN?!
(I LIKE TALL WOMEN.)
DON'T LIKE LASHING OUT LIKE THIS BEFORE WE KNOW WHAT THIS IS.
BUT AFTER THE ENERGY SIGNATURE SHE JUST LET LOOSE AND SEEING THE BIG BAD GUARDIANS AND THORSGUARD FACE-DOWN IN THE MUD:
WE'LL SHOOT FIRST, FIGURE IT ALL OUT SECOND.
I KNOW, I KNOW....
I'M JUST EXPRESSING SOME COMPASSION.
HE SAID, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!!!
THAT MEANS YOU STOP FIGHTING!!!
ANYONE RECOGNIZE THE LANGUAGE?

NOTHING IN MY LANGUAGE BANKS.
AND THAT EXOSKELETON SHE IS WEARING IS MADE OUT OF THINGS I HAVE NEVER SEEN...
AND I HAVE A PRETTY FANTASTIC CATALOGUE FOR BODY ARMOR TECHNOLOGIES.
(YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I'M IRON MAN...)
GUYS, WE MAY BE IN OVER OUR--
WARLOCK, BACK UP!!
WE DON'T HAVE A CLEAN SHOT!!
AGH!
KR-EE EM-PIRE!
WEELL--
NUOT--
DIIYE.
WHAT DOES THAT--?
BOOM

NO!!!

AARRGHH!!!

SCREAM

OH, NO!

OH, NO!!!

SAM, FOCUS!!!

AGGH!

TOGETHER.

NOO!

I WILL KILL YOU FOR WHAT YOU JUSAAAAGGH!!!

SHCAASSCCHH

KREE.

LADY GAMORA, I AM HONORED BY YOUR HEROIC VALOR TODAY.

AND FOR THAT, JUST THIS ONCE, I WILL FORGIVE YOUR SINS AGAINST THE CASTLE DOOM.

BUT I BEG YOU, DO NOT STEP OVER THE LINES OF THE LAW OF DOOM AGAIN.

IF NOT FOR HE WHO BLESSES US ALL, FOR *ME*. HONOR ME AS I HONOR YOU.

STAY IN YOUR PART OF THE KINGDOM.

I CANNOT DO THAT.

WHAT-- WHAT WAS SHE?

OH NO...

OH NO... NO NO NO...

I WILL TAKE HER BACK TO THE SCIENCE COUNCIL AT CASTLE DOOM.

THEY WILL KNOW.

BUT IT IS OVER AND I THANK YOU.

THE OTHERS WHO FELL TODAY WILL BE HIGHLY REGARDED IN THE HIGH COURT.

WHY??

Q-QUILL...

...

WHAT?

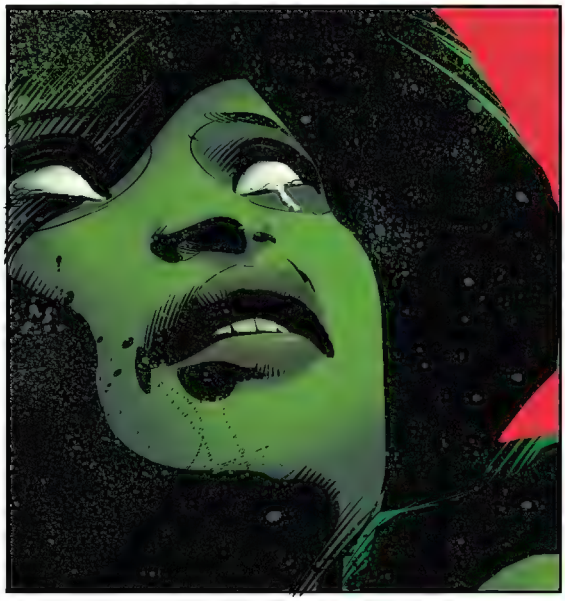
THANOS.
QUILL.
GROOT.
WHAT?
NAMES.
NAMES OF-OF PEOPLE AND THINGS THAT-THAT I KNOW.
I CLOSE MY EYES AND SEE THEM.
I SEE THEM AND I KNOW--I KNOW THEY ARE PART OF SOMETHING LARGER.
LARGER THAN WHAT?
THAN ALL OF THIS!!
ALL OF EVERYTHING?
I KNOW IT.
A THANOS.
I SEE HIM.
GAMORA--
I CAN SEE HIS FACE.
HE HAUNTS ME.
GAMORA, LISTEN TO ME RIGHT NOW...

ΜΑΜΑ ΛΕΚΑΜΑΚΑ ΧΕ ΜΑΧ ΛΕΚΑ ΕΧΑΣ!!

HUAAAGGH!

YOU KILLED AN ANGEL!
I DON'T CARE WHY!!!

I WILL HAVE YOUR HEAD, YOU-- ARGH!



HE DEX CRUSED MASK MASK!

GAMORA!!
DO IT!

NOW IT IS HE MASK SE HAS SIS FACE!

(GOOD ONE, MANTIS.)
PTOOM
HEY!!
TALL DRINK OF FLARKNARD!
PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE!

ZOM LEEKZ
ZIF

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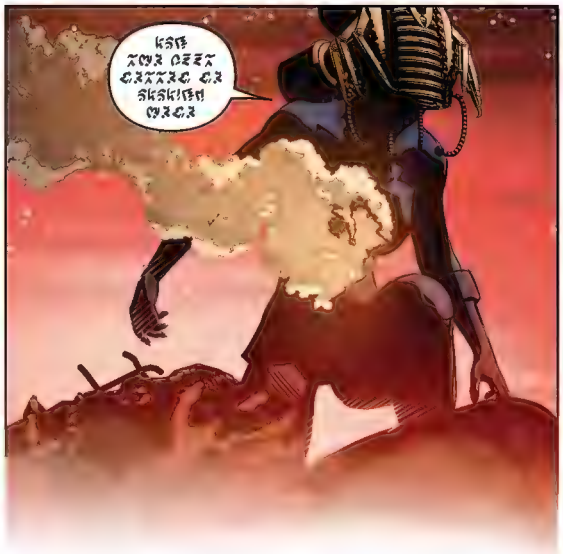
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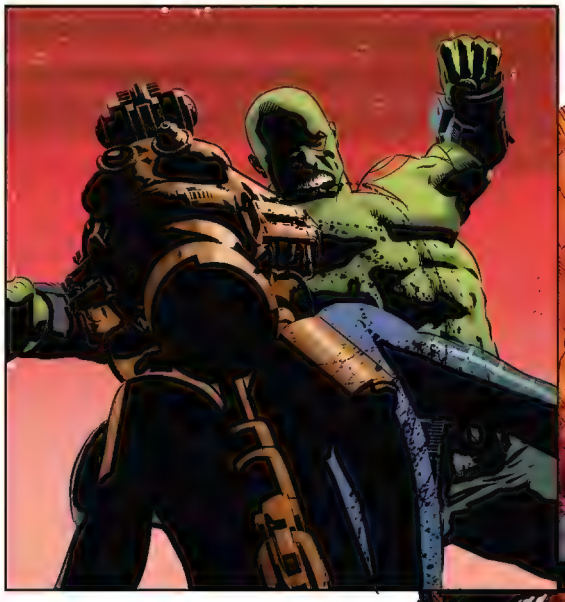


JEEZ, GAMORA...
NO JOKES, ROCKET.
THIS IS-- THIS IS TRUE HORROR.
THE NOVA HAVE FALLEN IN BATTLE FOR US.
YEAH, WE GOT A DEAD THOR HERE.
I THINK THAT MEANS IT IS TIME TO GO.

AND I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS WARRIOR WAS FIGHTING FOR...
"KREE," SHE SAID.
IT WAS AS IF SHE HAD NO IDEA HOW SHE FOUND HERSELF HERE BUT WAS GOING TO KILL US ALL BEFORE SHE WAS DONE.

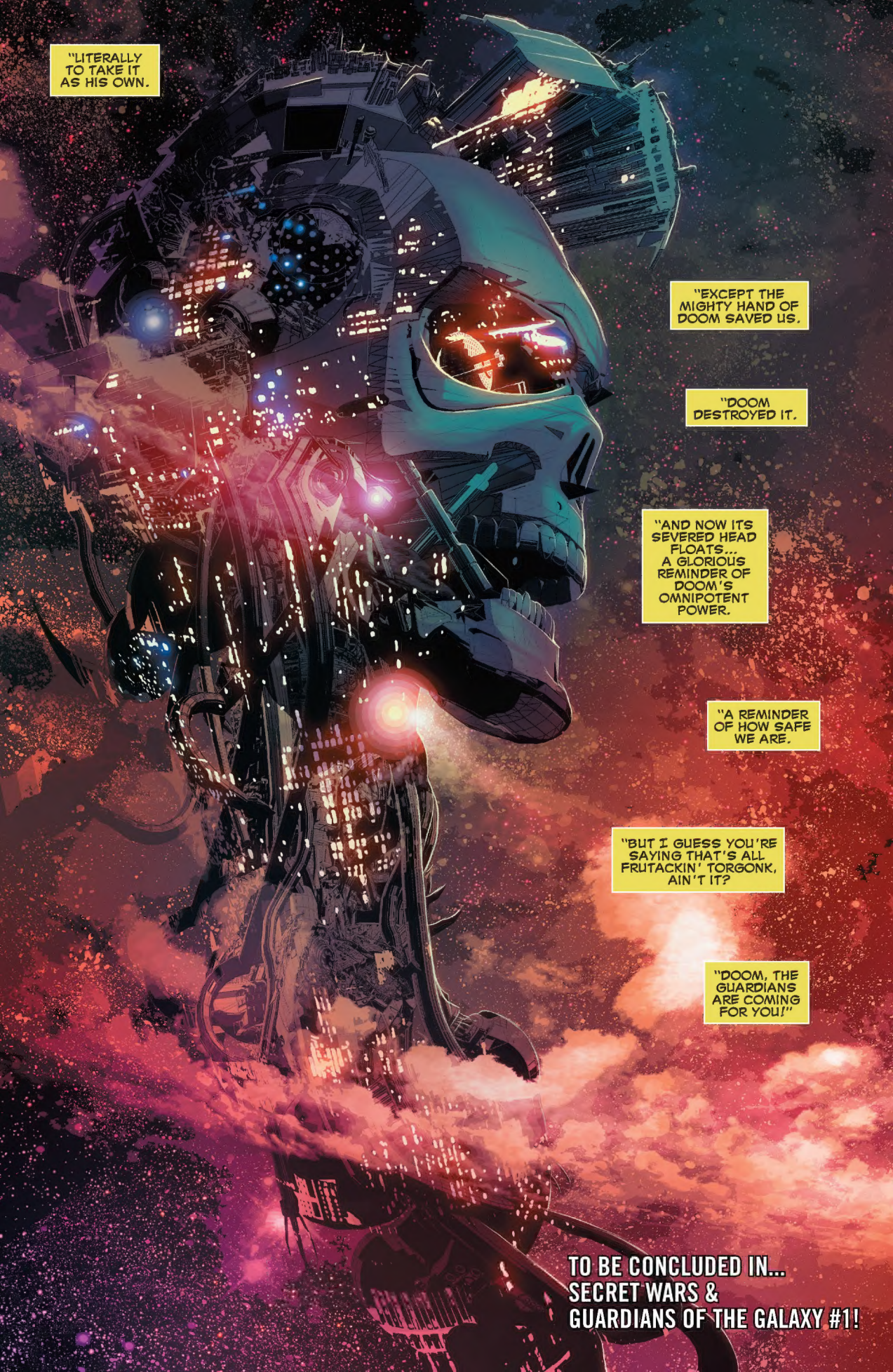
MADNESS.
YES.
DON'T YOU SEE, GREAT ANGELA?
THIS IS WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT...
MANTIS IS RIGHT, GAMS, WE GOTTA GO.
THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
IT'S- IT'S ALL WRONG.
PIECES ARE MISSING. PIECES ARE OUT OF PLACE.
GAMORA, THE THORS WILL COME HERE AND DESTROY US.

THANOS...
QUILL...
GROOT.
PIECES ARE MISSING.
PIECES OF A PICTURE I CAN'T PUT INTO FOCUS.
BUT I KNOW IT'S THERE.
PLEASE...
IT IS DRIVING ME MAD: WHAT IS A THANOS?

WHY DID YOU FIGHT ME?!
WHY WOULDN'T YOU TELL ME?!
WHAT IS QUILL?
I AM.

WOW.
IT IS SO GOOD TO SEE YOU GUYS...
I SWEAR TO GOD, I COULD CRY.
T-TELL ME YOUR NAME--
OH BOY.
LISTEN, GAMORA, GUYS, IT'S ME!
PETER...
I'M PETER QUILL.
I'M KIND OF YOUR BEST FRIEND...
Y-YOU'RE REAL.
QUILL...
YEAH...
LISTEN...

OKAY, LISTEN, NOT TO DISCOUNT THIS BRUTAL THING THAT YOU CLEARLY JUST WENT THROUGH, BUT...
I NEED YOU GUYS TO COME WITH US.
DOOM?
YES.
THE GUY'S A SHAM, THIS WHOLE PLACE IS, AND WE'RE GONNA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
JUST US?
NO.
NO.
THERE'S A LOT MORE OF US.
DEAR LORD... CAROL...
BUT, WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
WHAT'S THE STORY HERE?
OR, I GUESS MORE TO THE POINT, WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK IT IS?
THIS IS KNOWHERE, BABY...
DON'T LET THIS TOTAL DISASTER FOOL YOU, WE GUARD IT...
YEARS AGO, A GIANT ALIEN CALLED A CELESTIAL CAME TO OUR WORLD...


"LITERALLY TO TAKE IT AS HIS OWN.
"EXCEPT THE MIGHTY HAND OF DOOM SAVED US.
"DOOM DESTROYED IT.
"AND NOW ITS SEVERED HEAD FLOATS... A GLORIOUS REMINDER OF DOOM'S OMNIPOTENT POWER.
"A REMINDER OF HOW SAFE WE ARE.
"BUT I GUESS YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S ALL FRUTACKIN' TORGONK, AIN'T IT?
"DOOM, THE GUARDIANS ARE COMING FOR YOU!"
TO BE CONCLUDED IN... SECRET WARS & GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #1!